

William Hattersley Store  
State Route 154  
Victor  
Monroe County  
Missouri

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location:

50 yards west of intersection of Paris-to-Louisiana Road with unnamed north-south road, 0.3 mile south of intersection of this unnamed road with State Route 154, 0.3 mile west of the South Fork of the Salt River, Victor, Monroe County, Missouri.

USGS Florida 7 1/2' Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 15.600700.4367600.

Present Owner:

United States of America, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District (August 1978).

Present Use:

Vacant. Located in the Clarence Cannon Dam and Reservoir Project Area.

Significance:

The William Hattersley Store, known as the Victor Store since 1933, was a crossroad trading center and gathering place for the townspeople and surrounding farming community. It is the last remaining commercial structure in Victor.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: Late nineteenth century. It is difficult to assign a precise date of construction. Victor does not appear on the Monroe County map in the 1876 Historical Atlas. The town is described as a new place in the "Trade Review Supplement," Monroe County Appeal, Paris, Missouri, February 1882.
2. Architect/builder: Not known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: The Hattersley Store was constructed on a lot in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 19, Township 54 North, Range 8 West (Jefferson Township). The original settlement of Victor was built on land belonging to M. Upton, B. Hughs, W.A. Jones

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and Robert Calhoon. The following references are from the deed books in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Monroe County Courthouse, Paris, Missouri:

- 1882 Sheriff's Deed, April 22, 1882. Recorded in Book 24, page 406. H.C. Cull and wife to William Hattersley. Two acres for \$300.
  - 1929 Warranty Deed, February 2, 1929. Recorded in Book 90, page 116. William and Mary A. Hattersley to William H. Hattersley and Mertilla Hattersley. Unspecified number of acres, including the store property, for \$1.
  - 1933 Warranty Deed, April 13, 1933. Recorded in Book 93, page 595. William H. Hattersley and Mertilla H. Hattersley to Grover C. and Lucretia Bare. 140 feet for \$1.
  - 1943 Warranty Deed, March 8, 1943. Recorded in Book 108, page 57. Charles F. Bare and Anthret Bare to C.O. Landis. 140 feet for \$200.
  - 1946 Warranty Deed, February 15, 1946. Recorded in Book 112, page 182. C.O. Landis to Benjamin E. and Oneva Blair. 43 acres for \$1.
  - 1973 Warranty Deed, February 1, 1973. Recorded in Book 161, page 374. Benjamin E. and Oneva Blair to the United States of America. 47.75 acres for \$10,450.
4. Original construction: The Hattersley Store is a frame structure built on limestone piers. The original floor plan included a front porch which ran the width of the building, the main store space, and a warehouse area in the rear (north).
5. Alterations and additions: Beginning with the Blair ownership in 1946, the store was altered to allow for living quarters in the original warehouse area. A stud wall was constructed 12' to the south (on the inside) of the original rear wall of the store, and the area behind was subdivided into four rooms: a living room, kitchen and two bedrooms. Two four-over-four, double hung windows were cut in the west wall, one in the east, and a large doorway on the north (rear) wall of the original warehouse, which probably held

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double doors, was partially reframed to form a single door. At the same time, the ceiling was lowered in the newly formed living quarters by installing a second set of ceiling joists under the original.

A shed-roofed garage was constructed on the east side of the store sometime prior to 1934. Brick-pattern asphalt sheet siding was nailed over the original weatherboards at an undetermined date. At some time subsequent to the re-siding of the building, an enclosed rear porch was built, resting on limestone piers.

The front porch was extensively remodeled after a windstorm in the 1960s. (A previous owner had removed some of its supports, thereby weakening its structure.) A gable roof replaced the original hipped roof over the porch, and new braces were applied. The rough planks of the porch floor are original.

At an undetermined date, the original wood shingles on the roof over the main section of the building were replaced with corrugated metal sheets.

B. Historical Events and Persons Associated with the Structure:

Early commerce in Victor was dominated by three families: the Calhoons (through the Calhoon Blacksmith Shop and a large group of farm structures west of town), the Stetsons (through a variety of businesses and houses) and the Hattersleys (through their General Store). William Hattersley occupied a frame house immediately to the east of the crossroads in Victor. His son (who later owned the store during the first four years of the Great Depression) lived in a house a hundred feet to the north. The Hattersleys were instrumental in forming Victor's second church, the Christian Church, located just to the north of William Hattersley, Jr.'s house, when they became dissatisfied with the older Fairview Union Church. (For plan of Victor, see HABS No. MO-1214).

Known as the Victor Store after 1933, the business was operated by Benjamin and Oneva Blair. The Blairs sold groceries and household items, delivered feed, picked up poultry and eggs, and hauled livestock. The Hattersley/Victor Store also served as the center of community life--a place to exchange news throughout the week and to play cards on Saturday night.

C. Sources of Information:

1. Old views: None located.

2. Bibliography:

a. Primary sources:

Blair, Mrs. Oneva, Paris, Missouri. Personal interview, June 14, 1978. Mrs. Blair was the last resident of Victor and, with her husband, owned the Victor Store. She provided valuable information about the store and community.

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b. Secondary sources:

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The Hattersley Store is a rectangular structure about 2 1/2 times as deep as it is wide, with gable end to the road. It has front and rear porches and a shed garage along the side.
2. Condition of fabric: Fair.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: Main building: 24'2" (three-bay front)  
by 60'1".  
Front porch: 24'2" by 6'2".  
Rear porch: 11'10" by 7'1".  
Attached garage: 12'4" by 33'6".
2. Foundations: Dry-laid limestone piers spaced about 6' on center along the perimeter walls and running longitudinally at mid-span. A number of the interstices between piers along the walls have been filled with bricks, and these have been covered with cement.
3. Walls: The main building has horizontal weatherboards (4-1/2" exposure), which on the long elevations have been covered with brick-pattern asphalt sheets. The pilaster strips at the corners are capped with narrow moldings and abbreviated entablatures. The attached garage and rear porch have unpainted, rough-sawn board-and-batten siding. The weatherboards on the front of the main section are painted white, and the trim, light blue.
4. Structural system: Lightweight framing using milled pine lumber. The floor joists butt into a mid-span longitudinal

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beam, which is supported by limestone piers. (Studs, rafters and collar ties: 2 x 4s, 24" on center; floor joists: 2 x 8s, 16" on center; original ceiling joists: 2 x 8s, 24" on center; joists for lowered ceiling: 2 x 6s, 16" and 24" on center).

5. Porches: An open wood porch extends along the full width of the south (front) elevation of the building. It is supported at the back by the main building and at the front by four equally spaced stripped log posts. A screened porch is centered on the north (rear) elevation of the store.
6. Chimneys: There are two brick stove chimneys--one along the east wall of the store, the other centered on the ridge toward the rear of the building.
7. Openings:
  - a. Doorways and doors: The front entrance consists of a pair of molded four-panel doors (the longer upper panels of each being lights). These are inset from the front wall of the store by two feet and flanked by diagonal showcase windows. The front entrance also has a pair of screen doors, with turned spindles between a double rail, and spindle ornaments at two corners. There is a two-panel door (the longer upper panel being a light) at the rear entrance.
  - b. Windows: Two large two-over-two, double hung windows with molded drip caps are located on either side of the front entrance. A similar window is located off-center on the rear elevation. Two smaller four-over-four, double hung windows are located in the dwelling area on the west wall, and one on the east. Two two-light casement windows are located in the store area on the west wall. All windows have plain-board exterior frames and slip sills.
8. Roof:
  - a. Shape, covering: The roof over the main building is a steeply pitched gable covered with corrugated metal sheets. The front porch has a shallowly pitched gable roof covered with hexagonal asphalt shingles. There are shed roofs over the garage and rear porch, the garage covered with asphalt shingles and the porch with corrugated metal sheets.

- b. Cornices: The main roof has boxed cornices with cyma moldings and plain friezes along the horizontal edges (with no frieze on the raking edges). At the gable corners the eaves have short returns.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plan: The front porch opens directly into the large (23'4" x 35'2") store area. To the rear of the store area is the living room, and to the right of that one of the bedrooms. Behind these two rooms are the kitchen and another bedroom. The rear porch is reached through the kitchen. A roughly constructed garage runs along the east wall of the main building.
2. Stairways: None.
3. Flooring: Floors throughout the building consist of 1" x 3" tongue-and-groove pine boards, generally covered with linoleum and painted raw sienna on the areas not covered with linoleum around the perimeters of the rooms.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: The south, east and west walls in the store section are painted lath-and-plaster lined with 9-1/2" molded baseboards along the areas which had not been covered by wood shelving. The north wall, added later, is unfinished gypsum board with a wainscot of stained vertical beaded boards. Gypsum board covers the original horizontal boarding in the two rearmost rooms, which were created by subdividing the original warehouse area. Walls in the rear porch are of painted fiberboard. Ceilings in the store area and in the kitchen and rear bedroom are beaded boards (taken off of the original ceiling joists in the rear rooms and re-nailed onto the newer, lower joists). Ceilings are of painted plasterboard in the living room and front bedroom (with the original beaded boards remaining in place above), and of painted fiberboard in the rear porch.
5. Doorways and doors: There is a variety of doorways and doors, indicating a number of alterations. Interior doors, as well as the interior frames for the front windows, have molded casings with bull's-eye corner blocks; or plain-board casings; or combinations of the two. The front doors have decorative cast-iron hinges and mortis locksets; the other doors have plain butt hinges and mortis locksets.



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6. Decorative features and trim: The long walls of the store were lined with open shelving with turned supports, resting on base counters (all of which have been removed). Freestanding counters were arranged parallel to these.
7. Mechanical systems: Heating was by wood and coal stoves (now removed); lighting by electricity.

D. Description of Site:

1. General setting and orientation: The Hattersley Store is located within the rural village of Victor on the north side of the Paris-to-Louisiana Road a short distance west of the intersection of that road with another running north-south. The building faces south. (See plan of Victor, HABS No. MO-1214). The immediate area around the store has been greatly disturbed, having recently been graded and seeded in anticipation of the relocation of State Highway 154. However, the Calhoon Branch of the South Fork of the Salt River still runs behind the store to the north.
2. Outbuildings: None remaining. At one time a privy stood to the northeast of the store.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) in cooperation with the St. Louis District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in compliance with Executive Order 11593, as a part of mitigation efforts connected with the construction of the Clarence Cannon Dam and Reservoir. HABS was engaged to document structures of cultural, historical, or architectural significance located within the Cannon Reservoir Project Area, in portions of Monroe and Ralls County, Missouri. The project was completed under the direction of John Poppeliers, Chief of HABS, and Kenneth L. Anderson, Principal Architect. Recording was carried out during the summer of 1978 by Clayton B. Fraser, Project Supervisor; William T. Morgan (University of South Florida) and Travis C. McDonald (University of Virginia), Architectural Historians; Barbara A. Hendricks (University of Texas), Project Foreman; and Student

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ADDENDUM TO  
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